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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:

Sylvie Veriac et al.

Serial No.: 09/527,028

: Art Unit: 1641

Filed: March 16, 2000

: Examiner: Gabel, G.

For: REAGENT FOR  
DETERMINATION OF  
LEUCOCYTES AND  
MEASUREMENT OF  
HAEMOGLOBIN IN A SAMPLE  
OF BLOOD

: Atty Docket: 20198/0053

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please delete claims 1-11 without prejudice as to their readmission and admit the following substitute claims:

--12. A single reagent for the simultaneous determination of total leucocytes, and basophile polymorphonuclear leucocytes, and for the measurement of hemoglobin in a sample of blood, said reagent comprising:

a buffer suitable to adjust and maintain the pH to an acidic value;  
at least one cationic detergent;  
a nitrogenous compound; and further comprising  
the absence of cyanic compounds.

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